

**APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY BASS TOURNAMENT ON**  
**MAINE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE BORDER WATERS**

WEIGH-TOURNAMENT ☐ \$52.00      OPEN ☐      CATCH MEASURE &  
or      RELEASE TOURNAMENT ☐ \$12.00  
CLUB ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Club or Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of individual making application      Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of alternative contact person      (Daytime Tel:)

The above named bass fishing club desires to hold a one-day tournament on:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BODY OF WATER

\_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location of weigh-in station: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
We desire to hold this tournament from \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 15 to June 15 (dates inclusive).

If for any reason this permit is not granted, the permit fee will be returned.  
Each day is considered as a separate tournament.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and title of applicant

NOTE: (It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation.  
Title 12 MRSA Section 7373)

( Jan. 2006)

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## **Definition of a Bass Club**

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a one-day bass tournament, a “bass club” is defined as any organized group of five or more bass anglers which is able to satisfy one of the following criteria:

- Provide current documentation of being a member club in Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS), North East Bass Association (NEBA) or other nationally recognized bass fishing organization; or
- Provide a current listing of club officers and members along with a signed affidavit affirming that the group, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona fide independent fishing club.

## **General**

1. Any bass club which sponsors a one-day bass tournament must submit a completed bass tournament questionnaire, when requested to do so by an agent of the commissioner, provided that such request must be made in writing to the sponsoring club prior to the day of the tournament.
2. All anglers in the tournament must possess a valid Maine fishing license unless of an age where a license is not required. (See exception for Maine/New Hampshire border waters in Open Water Fishing Regulations Book)
3. Bass tournament boats must be specifically identified in a plainly visible manner and a roster of participants must be available at the location of the weigh-in.
4. Only one permit will be issued on a waterbody for a specific date.
5. All fishing will be restricted to artificial lures.
6. Weigh-in tournaments are not permitted on bodies of water less than or equal to 500 acres.
7. A copy of the tournament permit and a copy of the rules affecting one-day tournaments shall be conspicuously displayed during each tournament at a location accessible to all tournament contestants.
8. There shall be a separate permit for Open and Club tournaments. Club tournaments are limited to a maximum participation of 15 boats. Open tournaments are limited to 35 acres per boat with a maximum of 100 boats. Youth tournaments will be scheduled in cooperation with IF&W and no permit will be required.

## **CATCH/MEASURER/RELEASE TOURNAMENTS / WEIGH-IN TOURNAMENTS**

1. In Catch/Measure/Release tournaments, all bass caught must be immediately released to the location from which caught.
2. In Weigh-In tournaments, all bass caught shall be kept on a water-circulating live-well with the intent to keep the retained bass alive. All bass taken shall be returned to the water from which it was caught, unharmed as far as possible, at the conclusion of the tournament day. The daily limit shall be 3 bass per participant with no weight limit.
3. The total cash value of prizes for single-day tournaments shall not exceed \$25,000.
4. The Commissioner has the authority to put any condition necessary on any tournament to assure that appropriate measures are taken to protect biological resources and address social concerns.
5. Weigh-In tournaments are not permitted from May 15 to June 15 (dates inclusive).
6. There will be no more than seven weigh-in tournaments on any water greater than 500 acres, only four of which may be open tournaments.

Return application to: Peter M. Bourque, Director-Fisheries & Hatcheries Division  
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife  
284 State Street – State House Sta #41 Augusta, Maine 04333  
Tel: 207-287-5261 Fax: 207-287-6395

## AFFIDAVIT

State of Maine

\_\_\_\_\_, SS.  
(County)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Town and State of Residence

am a \_\_\_\_\_ of a bass fishing club currently known as  
Name of Club

I hereby certify that the bass fishing club herein named, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona fide independent bass fishing club having a slate of officers, as follows:

President	_____
Vice President	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____

I understand that the purpose of this affidavit is to certify eligibility for making application to conduct one day bass tournaments on Maine inland waters and that obtaining a permit through misstatement, misrepresentation or fraud is a criminal violation under Title 12, Section 7383.

I understand that the information I have provided in this affidavit may be checked for accuracy and that falsely completing this affidavit may result in court action against me.

I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate.

_____	_____
Date	Signature

State of Maine

\_\_\_\_\_, SS.  
(County)

Personally appeared before me the above named affiant who signed above in my presence, giving oath that the information contained herein is true and accurate.

_____	_____
Date	Notary Public

**Note: If you do not belong to a nationally recognized bass fishing organization, please attach list of your members to affidavit.**